





# **Sola Scriptura**

Back to the Bible?



**What if you spent  
one year following  
every rule in the  
Bible?**

## What rule was the hardest to follow?

Two kinds of rules were hard. Avoiding sins we commit every day like lying, gossiping and coveting was hard, and then there were the rules that were hard to do in modern life, like stoning adulterers.



## **What, if any, rules are you still following? (Pt.1)**

I'm not Gandhi or Angelina Jolie, but I made some strides. The experience changed me in big ways and small ways. There's a lot about gratefulness in the Bible, and I would say I'm more thankful. I focus on the hundred little things that go right in a day, instead of the three or four things that go wrong.

And I love the Sabbath. There's something I really like about a forced day of rest.

Also, during the experiment I wore a lot of white clothes, because Ecclesiastes says let your garments always be white, and I loved it, so I look like Tom Wolfe now. Wearing white just made me happier. I couldn't be in a bad mood walking down the street looking like I was about to play in the semifinals at Wimbledon.

## What, if any, rules are you still following? (Pt. 2)

One thing I learned is that the outside affects the inside, your behavior shapes your thoughts. I also really liked what one of my spiritual advisers said, which was that you can view life as a series of rights and entitlements, or a series of responsibilities. I like seeing my life as **a series of responsibilities**. It's sort of, "Ask not what the world can do for you, ask what you can do for the world."



"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

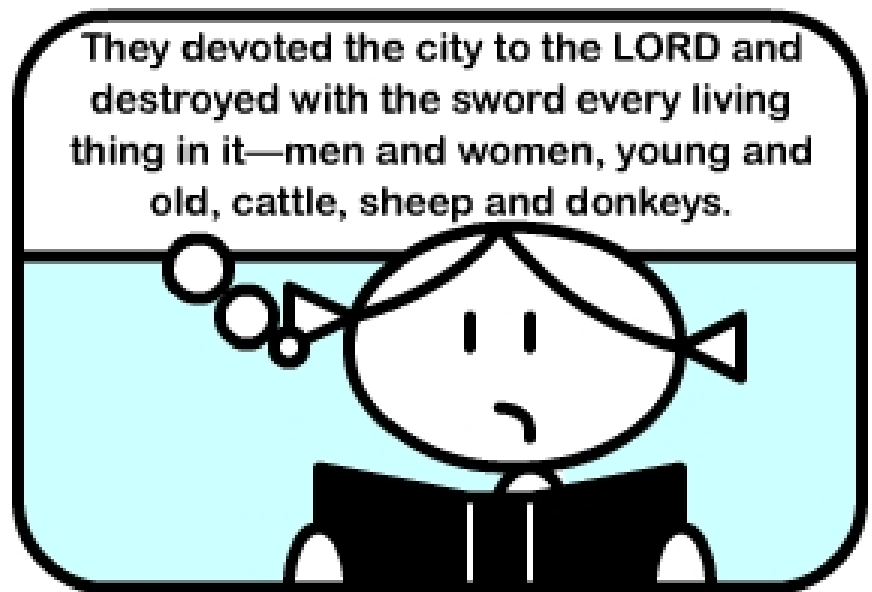
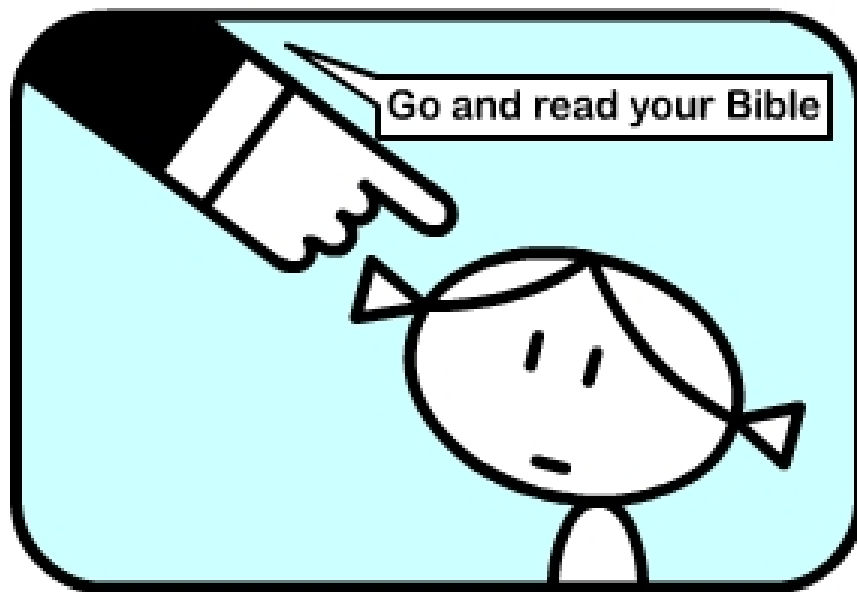
All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that all God's people may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. "

~ 2 Timothy 3:14-17

"In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

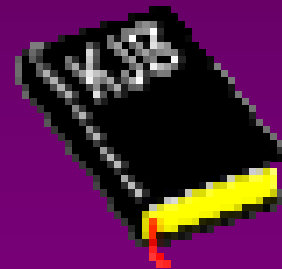
For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry."

~ 2 Timothy 4:1-5



*Katie grapples with one of The Bible's trickier texts.*

**The Bible is easy to understand ...**



**If you read the Bible, you should be more loving...**

# HOLY BIBLE

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**The Bible is God's Word to us!**

What if we truly hear God's Voice and was affected by this encounter?



THE INDULGENCES, OR THE NINETY FIVE PROPOSITIONS: (SCENE IN FRONT OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WITTEMBERG) 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 1517.



Luther, die Bibel übersetzend.



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Wohl das ist die  
ganze Heilige Sch  
rift Buch.  
Herr. Lud.  
Kunzberg.  
Begrübet mit Kir-  
chenmeyer von Churche  
Kunzberg.  
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“People are not to believe me, the church, the fathers, the apostles, or even an angel from heaven if we teach anything contrary to the Word of God. But the Word of God should stand forever.” (Exposition of Gal. 1: 11-12 in 1531 - Anthology No. 4779 - W 40 I, 132)

“If you want to attain grace, be engaged in intently hearing and carefully taking to heart the Word of God. The Word, I say, and the Word alone, is the conveyer (vehiculum) of the grace of God.”

“Is it not true, that God's Word is greater and more important than faith? For God's Word is not based and built on faith, but faith is built on God's word. Besides, faith may waver and change, but God's word remains eternally”

(Anthology No. 4822 - W 26, 172)

“Learn, yeah, learn, I say, what treasure you have in the Word of our Lord Jesus Christ: that there is no other help and aid against the devil, sin, and eternal death than to cling to the Word of Christ, that is, to believe His promise and to make bold to take Him at His word.”

(Sermon on John 8, 46-59 in 1533 - Anthology No. 466)

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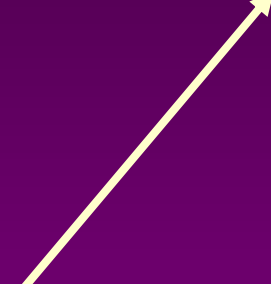
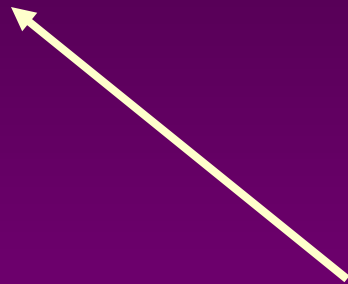


**Tradition**

Radical Reformers  
"Enthusiast"



**Holy Spirit Speaks  
directly**



Martin Luther  
**Sola Scriptura**  
**Gospel**  
**Christ**

"In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. " ~ Hebrew 1:1-5

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ...



... <sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only [Son], who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



... <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God, but the one and only [Son], who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. "

~ John 1:1ff



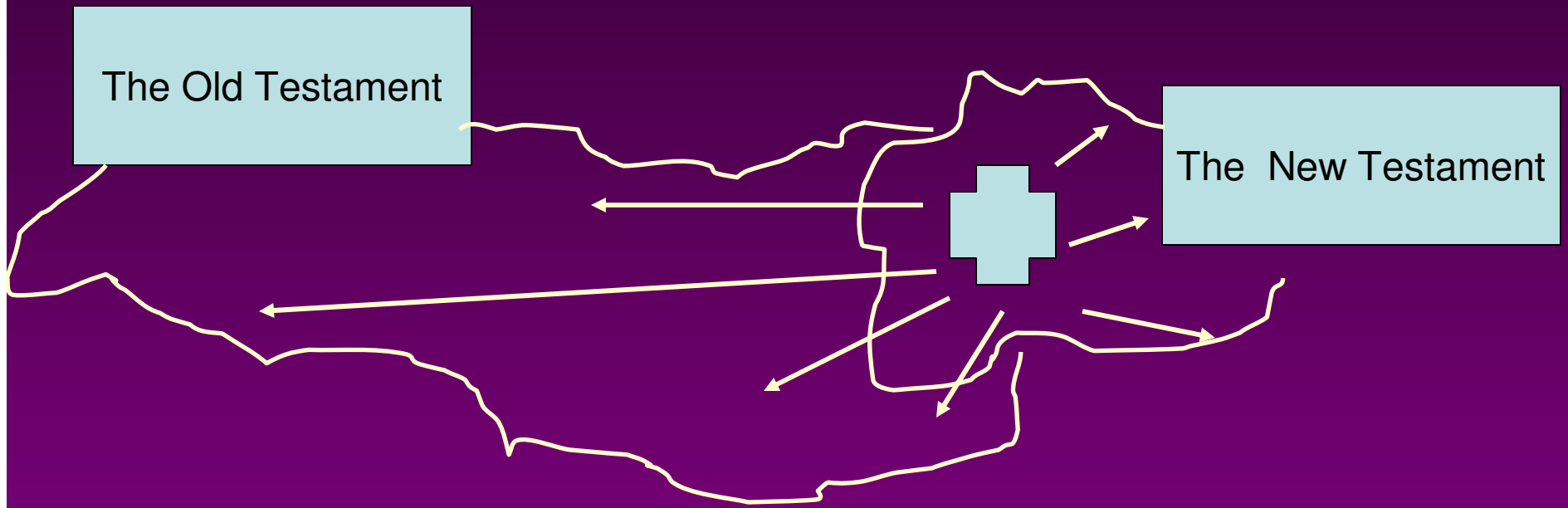
## "canon within the Canon"



"If we have Christ, we will not find it difficult to make laws  
And judge everything correctly, indeed, we will make new  
Decalogues, just as Paul did in all his epistles, and Peter,  
most of all, however, Christ in the Gospels." - *Luther*

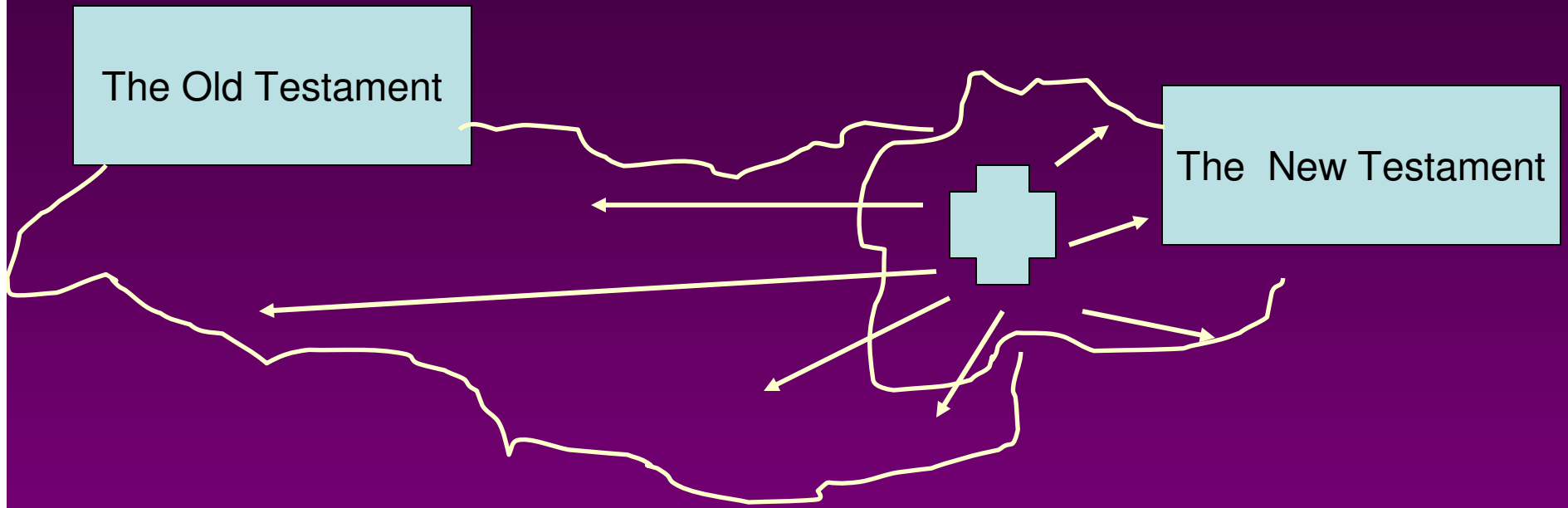
(WA XXXIX/I 47f)

"the living voice of the Gospel"

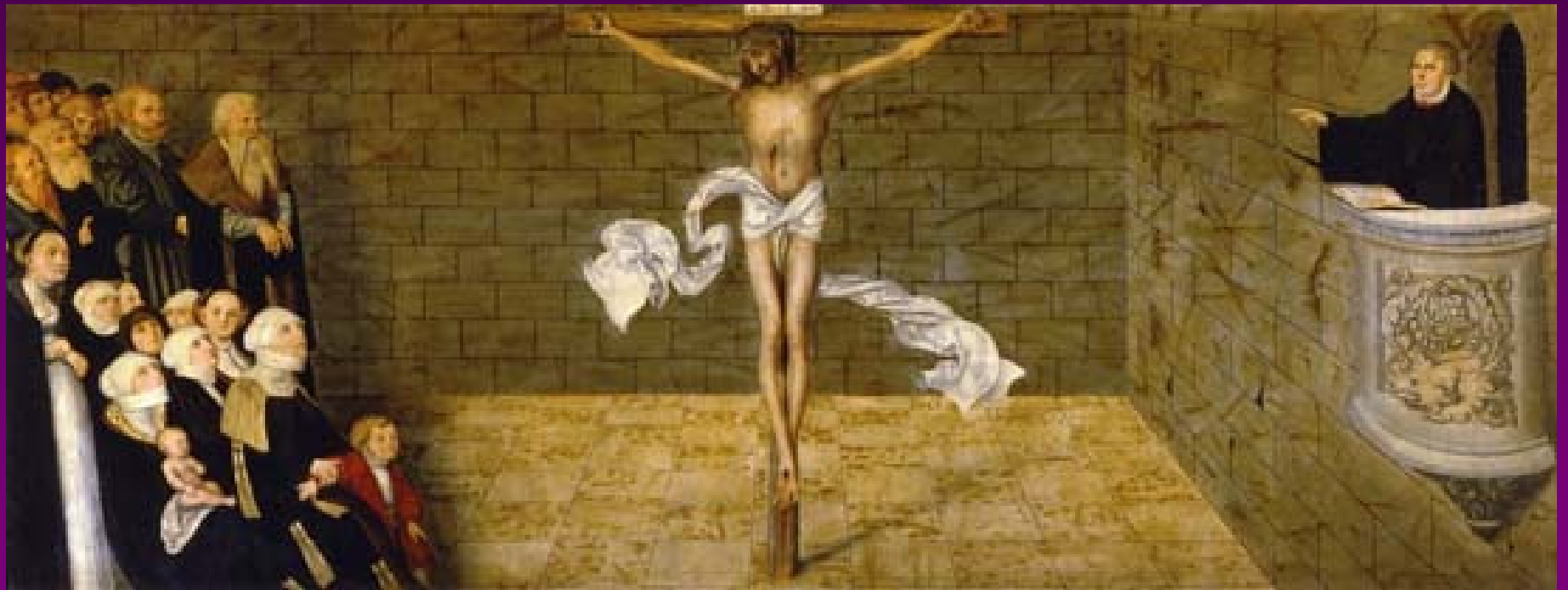


"The (Word of God) is a Word of power and grace. When it hits the ears, it imparts the Spirit within us. Where it does not impart the Spirit, a hearer cannot be distinguished from a deaf person" – (WA II509, H74)

"the living voice of the Gospel"



"It is not sufficient if you say, : Luther, Peter or Paul have said this, but you must feel Christ himself within yourself, in your conscience, and sense that it is God's Word, even if the whole world would object against it" – (WA X/II 22f)



Dominant Cultures  
Mainstream ideas

Radical Reactions  
Non-mainstream ideas



Sola Scriptura  
Gospel  
Christ



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Back to the Gospel, Centred on  
Christ!